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VIA ECFS

March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas
Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Riviera Telephone Company, Inc. ("RTC") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ RTC is an ILEC serving rural areas of Texas and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 711 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost census blocks within these census tract(s):

Texas:	<u>County</u>	<u>Tract</u>
	Brooks	48047950100
	Brooks	48047980200
	Kenedy	48261950100
	Kleberg	48273020100
	Kleberg	48273020200
	Kleberg	48273020300
	Kleberg	48273020400
	Kleberg	48273020500

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Proposed Services

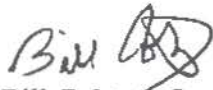
RTC proposes to provide Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over fiber, copper or fixed wireless technology, or some combination thereof, depending on what technology proves most cost effective and reliable. RTC expects service within the unserved high-cost census blocks to be offered within one to three years after construction starts, depending on the construction required.

Funding

RTC estimates equipment and construction costs to not exceed \$1.2 million, based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

RTC appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Colston, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill Colston, Jr.
President/General Manager